



KILTEALY NATIONAL SCHOOL
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Enrolment

Many thanks to all families who engaged in the enrolment process for the coming school year. It was lovely to meet with parents of our intake infant class at our Information Night in January. We look forward to meeting all our new infants on their induction days in June.

We welcomed a new pupil this term. Ruth Warren joined our Senior Infant class in February and received a lovely warm welcome from her new classmates and class teacher Ms. Kehoe.

Staff Training

The teaching staff engaged in training for the new **Primary Maths Curriculum** in February. This was a very informative day and the staff are currently planning the purchase of new maths resources to support the implementation of the new curriculum.

The staff also completed **First Aid Training** in February.



Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Embrace Farm “Wear Our Wellies” fundraiser in January. A total of €220 was raised for this very worthy charity.

Many thanks to all for their continued support of our weekly **Split the Pot Draw**. Our next draw will take place on our return to school on Monday April 8th. The money raised provides for resources and enriched learning experiences for our pupils.

Annual Readathon

Our Annual Readathon concluded on World Book Day and we enjoyed a fabulous day of fancy dress on Friday 8th March in celebration of its success. Well done to all team members. 690 books were read in total over the 5 week period. Team Rowling emerged the overall winners. Congratulations to all.





SNAG 2024

Seachtain na Gaeilge ran from 11th–15th March this year. Many thanks to Ms. O'Neill and all the teachers who put together a great schedule for the week.



Activities included- our Céilí, Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine, Tráth na gCeist, our Lá Glas and the windows were decorated in time for the St. Patricks Day parade in the village. Comhghairdeachas do na dhaltaí go léir.

Equestrian News

Our Equestrian Team have had a very successful year finishing in 3rd place overall in the Wexford Equestrian Inter-Schools Primary League. The team of Jodi Brennan, Bobby Bowe, Lucy Brennan and Cathal Coleman had 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings throughout the league. Many thanks to the parents for supporting their children in attending these events and Anita Brennan for acting as Chief d'Equipe on event days. We had some individual placings over the League too. Well done to Jodi and Cathal on finishing 2nd and 5th respectively in their events on Monday last.





SSE

Our current **School Self Evaluation** focus is Wellbeing. The whole school enjoyed a month of activities during Friendship February which included skipping challenges, compliment jars, pancakes treats for Pancake Tuesday and every pupil in the school received a friendship bracelet made by our talented Wellbeing Committee. Many thanks to Ms. Dowling and Ms. Bible for all their work as Wellbeing co-ordinators.

The Stay Safe Programme has been taught in many classes this term with some classes due to complete the programme after Easter.

Engineers Week

Ms. O'Neill secured the WeDo Lego boxes for Engineers Week in early March. The pupils had a number of opportunities over 2 weeks to create a variety of motorised lego structures. The pupils used an app to activate their movement. Pupils also had opportunities to be creative with the STEM Bins and engaged in various STEM challenges throughout the week.

Many thanks also to Sinead Crotty who did a session on mirco:bits with 3rd & 4th Class.





GAA

We will welcome the new Duffry Rovers GPO Anais Curran to the school after Easter. Anais will carry out football sessions in the junior end of the school with a focus on fun while developing the fundamental ABC skills of Agility, Balance and Co-ordination.

Many thanks to all parents and volunteers who provided **Peil4All** sessions on Tuesday mornings during this term. A great start to the day for all those involved. **Hurling 365** sessions will continue on Tuesday mornings after the Easter break.

Jim, Jim and Seamie-continue their hurling sessions on Thursdays. The men were also involved with our Mini 7s girls and boys teams this term. Both teams showed great skill and dedication on their blitz days. We are now focused on the Rackard League.



The girls have had two victories to date over Craanford and Bunclody. They boys will contest their first game after the Easter break.

FAI 5-a-side Soccer

A boys and girls team have been entered in the FAI 5-a-side soccer tournament which takes place directly after Easter. The teams will contest the small schools competition in Gorey on Wednesday 10th April. More information to follow.

Credit Union Quiz

We had 2 teams enter the Credit Union Quiz this year. Our u13 team consisted of Fionn Waters, Eliza Curtis, Harry Smith and Patrick Dunbar and our u11 team consisted of Matthew Bowe, John Stamp, Zara Harris and Nicholas Curtis. Both teams scored very respectably on the day finishing mid-table.





Green Schools

Our Green School Committee, led by Ms. Crosbie, had an extremely successful visit from a County Council Green Schools Co-Ordinator earlier this Month. The committee presented their work on the theme of Biodiversity. The GS Co-Ordinator was very impressed with their knowledge and commended them on their very informative notice board which displays their ongoing work. Our flag application has been submitted by Ms. Crosbie and we hope to hear some news very soon on our success.

3rd – 6th class recently enjoyed a presentation from the ACRES organisation who promote organic farming methods and support farmers in nurturing biodiversity on their land-a very informative day for all.

Sacraments

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class Service of Light and Enrolment Ceremony took place on January 27th at Saturday evening mass.



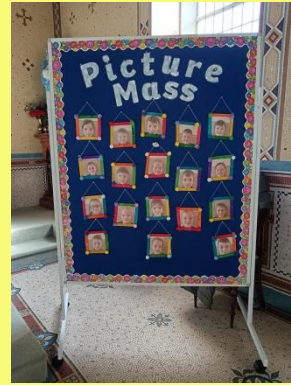
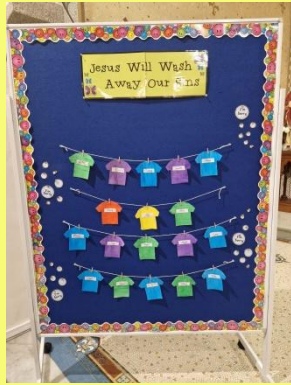
They then enjoyed a retreat to the Ballyvaloo Centre in February. A lovely day had by all in preparation for Confirmation. Confirmation takes place this Friday at 11am in Kiltaley Church. Congratulations to all involved.

Communion Class

The Communion Picture Mass took place on February 24th at Saturday evening mass.

A lovely celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation took place on March 14th and the class continue preparations for their First Holy Communion in May.





Many thanks to Ms. Duff and Ms. Bible for preparing both groups for these important Sacraments.

Grandparents Day Mass

We held a lovely Grandparents Day mass in January as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. We had a record attendance at mass this year and the children performed a beautiful song for all grandparents present on the day.

6th Class received their **Class of 2024** hoodies this term and look very stylish in their new gear. The class chose the design and colour combination themselves-always a highlight of 6th class.



School Tours

School Tours have been booked and will take place as follows:

- Senior Tour (3rd-6th) will visit Emerald Park on Monday June 10th.
- Junior Tour (Infants-2nd) will visit The Forest School in Wexford on June 21st and 22nd.

More details nearer the time.

Literacy Lift Off

1st & 2nd Class completed a 6 week Literacy Lift Off Reading Programme designed to enhance reading skills at that particular age group. Well done to all on their own individual success and to all the teachers for co-ordinating this really worthwhile initiative.

School Building

The school exterior has been power-washed recently. Thanks to Thomas Doyle for carrying out the work. The school will be painted in the coming weeks.





Parents Association- Mobile Phone Voluntary Agreement

The PA has drafted a Voluntary Agreement in relation to Keeping Childhood Smartphone Free. More information will be available after the Easter break.

Thank you

This newsletter includes the agreed items from our most recent Board of Management Meeting in February.

On behalf of the BOM and staff we wish you all a wonderful Easter Break. Many thanks for your continued support of all school initiatives.

School re-opens Monday 8th April.

